

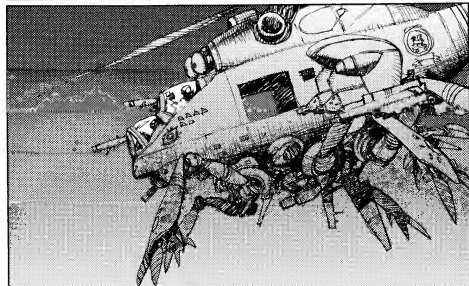
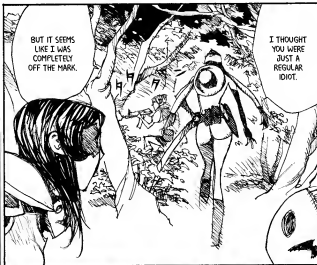



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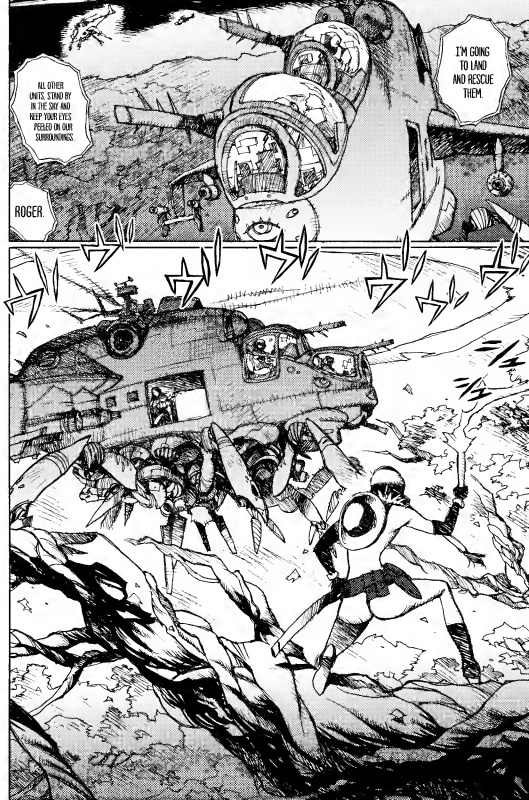
WE'VE
CONFIRMED
THE MARKER.
IT'S INAMI'S
PATROL PARTY.

THIS IS
FLANKER 02 TO
ALL UNITS.

ALL OTHER
UNITS, STAND BY
IN THE SKY AND
KEEP YOUR EYES
PEELED ON OUR
SURROUNDINGS.

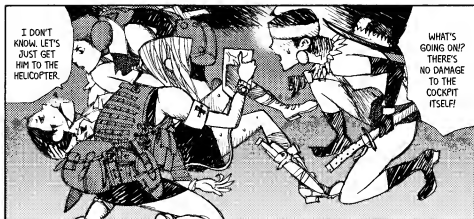
I'M GOING
TO LAND
AND RESCUE
THEM.

ROGER.









I DON'T
KNOW. LET'S
JUST GET
HIM TO THE
HELICOPTER.

WHAT'S
GOING ON?
THERE'S
NO DAMAGE
TO THE
COCKPIT
ITSELF!



HE'LL
DROWN IN
THE NEXT
FEW
MINUTES.

HE'S NOT
GOING
TO MAKE
IT THEN.

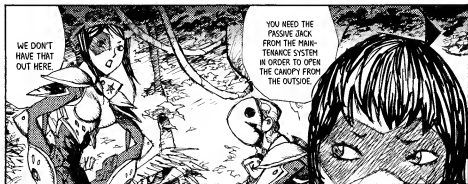


WE HAVE
TO OPEN
THE CANOPY
RIGHT AWAY.

THE OIL THAT
FUNCTIONS
AS THE UNIT'S
BLOOD IS
REGURGITATING
BACK INTO
THE COCKPIT.
THE UNIT IS
HEMOR-
RHAGING.

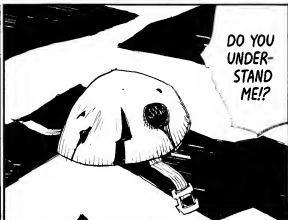
I'VE SEEN
THOSE
SYMPTOMS
BEFORE.

DROWN?





TCH.



DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND
ME!?



THIS
DIDN'T HAPPEN
BECAUSE OF
ANY MISTAKES
I MADE AS
YOUR COM-
MANDER!

BUT BLAMING
IT ALL ON
HIM LIKE THIS
MAKES ME
FEEL SORRY
FOR HIM.

IT'S ALL
HIS FAULT.

YEAH, THAT'S
RIGHT. THE
BAD GUY
HERE IS THE
COMMANDER,
TAKIGAWA.



THAT WAS,
UNTIL
TSUKIKO
GOT IN
THE WAY.

THE MISSION
WAS ALL
GOING FINE.



OH,
REALLY?

SO THERE
WAS SOME
OTHER
REASON IT
HAPPENED
THEN?



YOU'RE
NOT
TELLING
ME...

TSUKIKO...?



THEN
WHAT ARE
YOU TRYING
TO SAY?!

N-NO,
THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I MEAN!

THAT YOU
WERE PLAYING
PRETEND WHILE
YOU WERE GIVING
OUT COMMANDS,
ARE YOU?!



T-TELE-
PORTED!?

TSUKIKO
TELEPORTED
THE HUNTING
PLATOON.



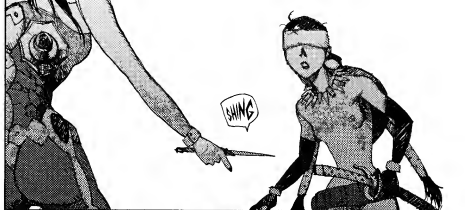
IT'S TOP
SECRET
INFORMA-
TION.

YOU
ALREADY
GAVE THEM
PLENTY.

I CAN'T
GIVE YOU
ANY MORE
DETAILS
ABOUT IT.

HE CAN'T
TELL FANTASY
FROM REALITY.
WE SHOULD
SEND HIM TO
THE LABS.

HEY, WHAT
THE HELL IS
HE TALKING
ABOUT? I'VE
GOT NO CLUE
IN HELL...



I'M GOING
TO OPEN
THE COCKPIT
AND RESCUE
SUZUKI.



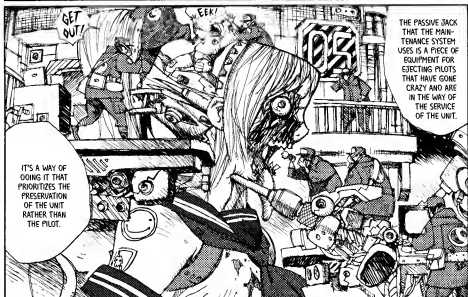
THAT'S NOT
WRITTEN
ANYWHERE IN
THE MANUAL!

THE
COCKPIT
SHOULD
OPEN.

THEORETICALLY,
IF YOU PHYSICALLY
STIMULATE THE
PASSIVE JACK KEY,
WHICH IS LOCATED
AT THE ROOT OF
THE UNIT'S
NECK,



...WITH
THAT
KNIFE?





LET'S GET
HIM ON THE
HELICOPTER.

INAMI,
WHAT SHOULD
WE DO? HE'S
STILL UNCON-
SCIOUS.

I SEE...



THE DUF ARE
STILL AROUND THE
PERIMETER. KEEPING
THE O2 WAITING ON
GROUND ANY LONGER
IS DANGEROUS!

WHAT ARE YOU
DOING, INAMI?
HURRY UP AND
EVACUATE!



I JUST
TOLD YOU
THAT WON'T
WORK!

THE
PILOT WILL
DROWN!



HURRY UP
AND BRING
THE WOUNDED
HERE!



I'LL USE THE
KNIFE AND FORCE
THE PASSIVE JACK
TO ACTI-
VATE AND
OPEN THE
COCKPIT.

IF YOU FOLLOW
THE MANUAL AND
LIFT HIM OUT ON
THE HELICOPTER,
THE ONLY THING
THAT'LL BE SAVED
IS THE UNIT.



MOVE
ASIDE!

AND IF I'M
GOING TO DO IT,
THEN IT NEEDS
TO BE RIGHT
NOW, OR IT'LL
BE TOO LATE!



IF I HAVE TO
TAKE RESPON-
SIBILITY FOR
THIS, THEN
THAT'S HOW
I'M GOING
TO DO IT.



THAT GUY
ISN'T RIGHT
IN THE HEAD!

HEY, INAMI,
ARE YOU
REALLY GOING
TO LET HIM
DO IT?



WE'LL
JUST HAVE
TO TAKE A
GAMBLE AND
SEE HOW THE
TILE PLAYS.

IT'S TRUE
THAT YOU
CAN'T DO
THINGS BY
THE BOOK
ON THE
BATTLE-
FIELD.



YOU
BELIEVE
HIM?

BUT THE
LOGIC
DOES FIT.



FIRST, WE'LL
HAVE TO SEE
IF THERE'S
ANY TRUTH TO
THE MOST
RUDIMENTARY
THINGS HE'S
SAYING.

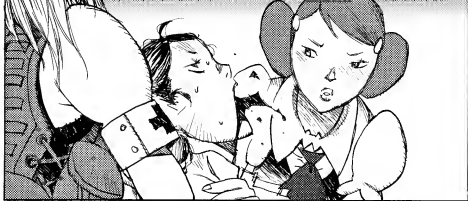
LIFT THE
UNIT UP TO
THE POSITION
IT'S IN DURING
LAUNCH.

HE WENT FROM A
PLAN HINGING ON
MESSAGES HE GETS
FROM HIS EMAIL
BUDDY TO GETTING
TELEPORTED...



YOU
REALLY
BELIEVE
HIM?

AND IF HE
SAVES THE
PILOT, THEN
THAT MEANS
WE'VE HIT IT
BIG TIME.

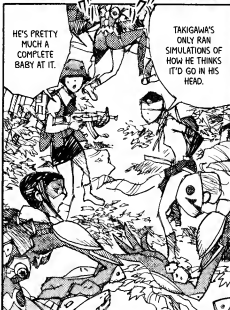




SHUT UP!
I CAN'T
FOCUS!

YOU'RE
CAUSING
THE UNIT TO
CONVULSE.







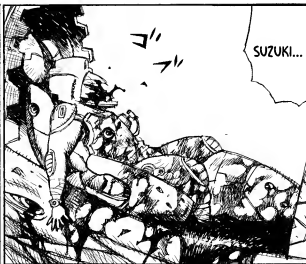






HE'S
ALREADY
DEAD.

IT'S TOO
LATE...



SUZUKI...



SUZUKI'S
WOUND WAS
FATAL FROM
THE VERY
BEGINNING.

A FRAGMENT
OF A SHELL
MAY HAVE
ENTERED THE
COCKPIT.

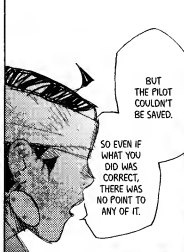


THAT'S
NOT GOOD
ENOUGH
FOR ME.

NO,
I CAN'T
ACCEPT
THIS.



SHIT.



BUT
THE PILOT
COULDN'T
BE SAVED.

SO EVEN IF
WHAT YOU
DID WAS
CORRECT,
THERE WAS
NO POINT TO
ANY OF IT.



IT WAS ALL
JUST LIKE
I SAID!

I GOT THE
COCKPIT
OPEN, AND
THE BLOOD
HAD FLOWED
BACK INTO
THE COCK-
PIT.



NO MATTER
HOW MANY TIMES
THEY SCREW UP,
THEY FIND SOME
BULLSHIT WAY
TO JUSTIFY
THEMSELVES.

THE HARDEST
PEOPLE TO
DEAL WITH
ARE THE ONES
THAT HAVE
SOME LOGIC
TO THEIR
INSANITY.





WHOA,
DON'T TRY
ANYTHING
STUPID
NOW...

WHAT'S
THE
MEANING
OF THIS,
INAMI?!

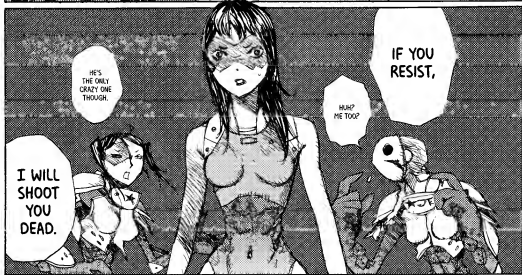
SHH



I WILL BE
DISARMING YOU
AS WELL AS
SENDING YOU TO
THE QUARANTINE
FACILITIES.

I SUSPECT
THAT THE ENTIRE
HYENA PLATOON
IS SUFFERING
FROM A HIGH
DEGREE OF MIND
CORRUPTION.

THAT'S MY
JUDGEMENT
FROM HERE ON
THE GROUND.



HE'S
THE ONLY
CRAZY ONE
THOUGH.

IF YOU
RESIST,

HUH?
ME TOO?

I WILL
SHOOT
YOU
DEAD.



TCH.